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APPARATUS FOR A  
HOSPITAL BED

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 6, 2002, please consider the  
amendments and remarks found herein. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a version of  
the claims as amended is submitted herein, and a marked up version showing the  
amendments to the claims is submitted contemporaneously herewith as  
ATTACHMENT A.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21 and 40 to read as follows.

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21. (Twice Amended) A valve assembly for a hospital bed including:  
a manifold block having an inlet, an outlet configured to connect to a device  
for positioning the bed, and a conduit in fluid communication with the inlet and with  
the outlet;

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